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1. Between 19 August and 8 September 1953, the Flak Kaserne in Wurzen was occupied by about 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia. At about 11 a.m. on 20 August, about 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets received individual training at the drill ground. Four trucks, including two towing guns, presumably 76.2-mm guns, were seen nearby. On 23 August, 25 officers and 115 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport, artillery, tank, and signal insignia were seen at the drill ground. On 26 August, about 20 soldiers fired with a 120-mm mortar at the drill ground. On 28 August, eight six-wheel armored personnel carriers, occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, came from the direction of the barracks installation. On 2 September, about 120 troops received field training and practiced aiming; 12 soldiers received instruction on machine guns; 2 groups of soldiers practiced signaling with flags; and 2 groups of soldiers received instruction on aiming circles. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the installation.

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2. Between 16 and 28 August, the Flak Kaserne in Wurzen was occupied by an estimated 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery and motor transport insignia. At 4:30 p.m. on 16 August, 8 six-wheel armored personnel carriers, 1 truck towing a trailer with ammunition, 1 motorcycle, 1 radio truck, 3 trucks with field kitchens, 4 trucks towing guns, presumably 76.2-mm guns; and about 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen leaving the installation. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the installation.

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Comment. The elements of the 8th Gas Mocz Div stationed in Wurzen apparently were back at the post as early as August as was observed with the elements stationed in Grimma. Seventy boxcars carrying billeting equipment were unloaded in Wurzen by units of the division as early as 6 July. The train with shipment-record No 61345 which, on 10 September, went to Wurzen from Genthin tends to indicate that units from Wurzen participated in the command post exercise in the Mecklenburg area.

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